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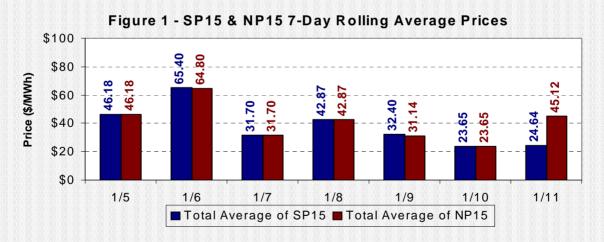
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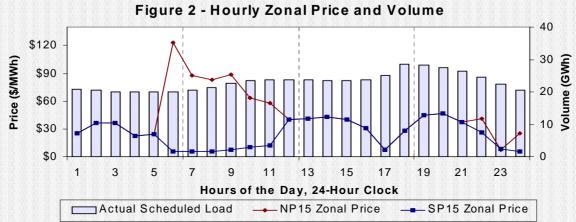
The average zonal price increased by 4 percent for SP15 to \$24.64/MWh and 45 percent for NP15 to \$45.12/MWh. At approximately 4 a.m. one of the three 500/230 kV transformers at the Gates Substation of Path 15 had an internal fault. As a result Path 15 in the south-to-north direction was de-rated from about 3,750 MW to about 1,600 MW until repairs were completed. This incident also caused the zonal price to split between 5 a.m. and noon and again between 9 p.m. and midnight. The NP15 price spiked to around \$128.00/MWh. Other indicating factors also pointed to higher prices such as:

- Increased occurrence of de-rated transmission capacity ratings.
- Increased generation outages that ranged between 8,900 MW and 9,400 MW.
- Warmer temperatures. Temperatures increased by 1 to 2 degrees and ranged between 61 and 80 degrees.
- High natural gas prices. The average natural gas price while unchanged for the weekend remained elevated at \$6.44/MMBTu.

In an effort to mitigate intra-zonal congestion, the CAISO requested decremental energy bids for the Miguel Imports between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The CAISO de-rated the transmission capacity rating for Path 15 in the south-to-north direction at approximately 4 a.m. and continued throughout the day due to the transmission emergency.







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